

CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
November 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were Jerry Jones, Joan Jones, Sheila Jenkins, Wilma Stillwell, Bev Malkey, Martha Dankenbring, Tom King, Sue Hall, Mike O'Regan, Ryan Richardson, Roger Torman, Treasurer Bruce Bauer, Chief of Police Darin Crask, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Code Violation at Railroad Street Apartment under Unfinished Business

APPROVAL OF MIINUTES

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to accept the October 3, 2018, regular Committee Meeting minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Tom King addressed child safety saying there are no sidewalks along designated truck routes. He also said school security guards should be paid for by the school, the city needs its money.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, that payment of the bills be placed on the city council agenda. Alderman Konsoer made a motion to amend the main motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to remove vendor 251, Martha Dankenbring. On roll call: Mayor Hall – nay, Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Austin – nay, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Jenkins – nay, Alderman Konsoer – aye. Aye - 3: Nay – 4. MOTION FAILED. Alderman Jenkins called the original motion to vote. On roll call: Alderman Bonine – aye, Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Grimm – nay, Alderman Konsoer – nay. Aye - 5: Nay - 2. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Bauer, Treasurer, discussed the proposed Levy explaining the figures: the EAV increased 5.8%, the taxpayers may realize a \$20 increase on their tax bill, and out of a \$10.13 total tax rate, the city is \$1.40.

The Council verbally agreed that no further action is required on bad checks. They must be covered by the issuer and that is sufficient.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, that garbage contracts be put out to bid. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, that job requirements for an on-call part-time Public Works employee be posted. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Chief of Police Crask asked the city to consider inside and outside audio and video surveillance. Alderman Jenkins asked the Chief to bring information on costs for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Konsoer requested that the Chief get all scheduled shifts covered.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Konsoer stated that on October 18, he checked with Rebecca, at the State Fire Marshall's Office, and was told that the State Fire Marshall's Office has nothing to do with fire escapes. He outlined violations of the fire escape on Railroad Street. He requested code be enforced, the structure is a nuisance, and a blight on the neighborhood. He told Chief Crask to write a citation and issue a warning to comply with the code.

Alderman Actis reminded citizens of the leaf burning policy which included no burning after dark, no unattended fires, and no burning of leaves on streets.

Alderman Actis discussed a school resource officer (SRO). He said the school superintendent was receptive to the idea. Actis stated there is a grant that could pay for 100% of the cost of an SRO. Alderman Actis presented a proposal. Members asked him to get more details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall, to pass the draft ordinance for street closures, as is, to the City Council meeting for approval. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to move purchasing the registered vehicle list from the Illinois Secretary of State and issue tickets through the mail to the regular city council meeting. Voice Vote: 6 Aye:1 Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Crask explained hosting a no cost micro pantry on city hall property. The concept is that the pantry comes full of supplies and citizens may take or give to it as needed. Those who choose to use it may remove needed items without scrutiny. Mayor Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to move the micro pantry concept to the regular city council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis stated the city needs to look at regulations on solar energy installations and said he would check into for the next committee of the whole meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

At 8:30 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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